

**AGENDA  
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION  
MEETING  
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**July 23, 2020**

**Starting Time 1:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** Michael Timmons, Chair

**2. Adjudicatory Hearings:**

**RE: Reopening of the 2020 Race Date Assignment Hearing:** The Executive Director filed notice of reopening the 2020 race date assignment hearing for the purpose of revisiting the 2020 race date awards in light of the impacts that COVID-19 pandemic is having on Maine's racetracks. At this time, no specific requests have been made.

**A. Vacating of 2020 Dates that Racetracks Do Not Intend to Use.** Per the procedural order issued by Hearing Officer Guay on July 16, 2020, licensed Maine racetracks that were awarded 2020 race dates, and that no longer intend to use them, have been alerted that the awarded dates may be vacated unless the licensed racetrack file an objection by 4:00 PM on July 20, 2020.

**B. Awarding of Dates for July and August of 2020 that Differ from the Original Award.** The Commission may amend the 2020 race date calendar to accommodate any licensed Maine racetrack willing to sponsor live racing during July and/or August.

**3. Request to Provide Temporary Cost Support Assistance to Bangor Historic Track.** Bangor Historic Track has been laying the groundwork to conduct some live racing in 2020. While the schedule remains uncertain to date, Bangor Historic Track has inquired about potential operational cost support to help off-set the increased costs of running a harness racing meet during the pandemic in light of the restrictions that are currently in place on public facing businesses. The Department has conducted extensive analysis of its projected costs and revenue for the remainder of 2020, and reached the conclusion that it is reasonable/sustainable to offer \$2,500 in operational cost support per race day to any licensed Maine racetrack that is willing to operate during July or August of 2020.

**4. Updates/Discussion of the 2020 Racing Plans.** There will be a general discussion of current thinking/plans for both overnight and Sire Stakes racing for the 2020 season.

**5. Other Business**

**6. Public Comment**

**7. Schedule of Future Meetings:**

**8. Adjourn**